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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT RESTORING THE COMMISSIONER OF ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S DUTY TO DETERMINE WHETHER
SURPLUS STATE PROPERTY CAN BE USED FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 4b-21 of the 2014 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (c) Not later than thirty days after receipt of such notification from
5 the secretary, the following agencies shall determine and notify the
6 secretary in writing if the land, improvement or interest serves the
7 following needs: (1) The Commissioner of [Housing] Economic and
8 Community Development, whether it can be used or adapted for
9 economic development or exchanged for property that can be used for
10 economic development; [, used as an emergency shelter or transitional
11 living facility for homeless persons, or used for the construction,
12 rehabilitation or renovation of housing for persons and families of low
13 and moderate income;] (2) the Commissioner of Transportation,

14 whether it can be used for transportation purposes; (3) the
 15 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, whether it can
 16 be used for open space purposes or to otherwise support the
 17 department's mission; (4) the Commissioner of Agriculture, whether it
 18 can be used for farming or agricultural purposes; (5) the Commissioner
 19 of Veterans' Affairs, whether it can be used for veterans' housing; (6)
 20 the Commissioner of Children and Families, whether it can be used to
 21 support the department's mission; (7) the Commissioner of
 22 Developmental Services, whether it can be used to support the
 23 department's mission; [and] (8) the Commissioner of Administrative
 24 Services, whether it can be used to house state agencies or can be
 25 leased; and (9) the Commissioner of Housing, whether it can be used
 26 as an emergency shelter or transitional living facility for homeless
 27 persons, or used for the construction, rehabilitation or renovation of
 28 housing for persons and families of low and moderate income. Not
 29 later than thirty days after receipt of such notification from the
 30 secretary, any state agency, department or institution that is interested
 31 in utilizing the land, improvement or interest shall submit a plan to the
 32 secretary that sets forth the proposed use for the land, improvement or
 33 interest and a budget and timetable for such use. If one or more
 34 agencies, departments or institutions submit a plan for such land,
 35 improvement or interest to the secretary within such thirty-day period,
 36 the secretary shall analyze such agency, department or institution plan
 37 or plans and determine whether custody and control of the land,
 38 improvement or interest shall be transferred to one of such agencies,
 39 departments or institutions, in which case the agency, department or
 40 institution having custody of the land, improvement or interest shall
 41 make such transfer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4b-21(c)
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Statement of Purpose:

To restore the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development's duty to determine whether surplus state property can be used or adapted for economic development purposes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]